

SENATE AMENDMENTS

2nd Printing

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H.B. No. 2497

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the establishment and duties of the Texas 1836 Project.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Subtitle D, Title 4, Government Code, is amended
5 by adding Chapter 451 to read as follows:

6 CHAPTER 451. TEXAS 1836 PROJECT

7 Sec. 451.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

8 (1) "1836 Project" means the advisory committee
9 established under this chapter.

10 (2) "Patriotic education" includes the:

11 (A) presentation of the history of this state's
12 founding and foundational principles;

13 (B) examination of how this state has grown
14 closer to those principles throughout its history; and

15 (C) explanation of why commitment to those
16 principles is beneficial and justified.

17 (3) "State agency" means a department, commission,
18 board, office, or other agency in the executive branch of state
19 government that is created by the constitution or a statute of this
20 state.

21 Sec. 451.002. ESTABLISHMENT. (a) The 1836 Project is
22 established as an advisory committee to promote patriotic education
23 and increase awareness of the Texas values that continue to
24 stimulate boundless prosperity across this state.

1 (b) The 1836 Project is composed of nine members. The
2 governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of
3 representatives shall each appoint three members. The appointees
4 may include persons in the private sector with relevant experience
5 or subject matter expertise.

6 (c) Members serve two-year terms and may not be removed
7 except for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance.

8 (d) The governor shall appoint one member of the 1836
9 Project as the presiding officer.

10 (e) The presiding officer shall:

11 (1) convene regular meetings of the 1836 Project; and

12 (2) coordinate and direct the activities of the 1836
13 Project.

14 Sec. 451.003. DUTIES. (a) The 1836 Project shall:

15 (1) promote awareness among residents of this state of
16 the following as they relate to the history of prosperity and
17 democratic freedom in this state:

18 (A) Texas history, including the indigenous
19 peoples of this state, the Spanish and Mexican heritage of this
20 state, Tejanos, the Texas War for Independence, annexation of Texas
21 by the United States, the Christian heritage of this state, this
22 state's heritage of keeping and bearing firearms in defense of life
23 and liberty and for use in hunting, and Juneteenth;

24 (B) the founding documents of this state;

25 (C) the founders of this state;

26 (D) state civics; and

27 (E) the role of this state in passing and

1 reauthorizing the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C.
2 Section 10101 et seq.), highlighting:

3 (i) President Lyndon B. Johnson's signing
4 of the act;

5 (ii) President George W. Bush's 25-year
6 extension of the act; and

7 (iii) Congresswoman Barbara Jordan's
8 successful efforts to broaden the act to include Spanish-speaking
9 communities;

10 (2) advise the governor on the core principles of the
11 founding of this state and how those principles further enrich the
12 lives of its residents;

13 (3) facilitate the development and implementation of
14 the Gubernatorial 1836 Award to recognize student knowledge of
15 Texas Independence and other items listed in Subdivisions
16 (1)(A)-(D);

17 (4) advise state agencies with regard to their efforts
18 to ensure patriotic education is provided to the public at state
19 parks, battlefields, monuments, museums, installations, landmarks,
20 cemeteries, and other places important to the Texas War for
21 Independence and founding of this state, as appropriate and
22 consistent with applicable law; and

23 (5) facilitate, advise on, and promote other
24 activities to support public knowledge of and patriotic education
25 on the Texas War for Independence and founding of this state, as
26 appropriate and consistent with applicable law.

27 (b) In carrying out its duties under Subsection (a)(2), the

1 project may solicit statements and contributions from intellectual
2 and cultural figures.

3 Sec. 451.004. FUNDING; COMPENSATION. (a) The Texas
4 Education Agency shall provide funding and administrative support
5 for the 1836 Project, including for the pamphlets described by
6 Section 451.005, to the extent funds are available for those
7 purposes.

8 (b) A member of the 1836 Project is not entitled to
9 compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for the travel
10 expenses incurred by the member while transacting project business,
11 as provided by the General Appropriations Act.

12 Sec. 451.005. PAMPHLET. Not later than September 1, 2022,
13 the 1836 Project shall provide a pamphlet to the Texas Department of
14 Public Safety that explains the significance of policy decisions
15 made by this state that promote liberty and freedom for businesses
16 and families. The contents must include:

- 17 (1) an overview of Texas history and civics;
18 (2) the legacy of economic prosperity in this state;
19 and
20 (3) the abundant opportunities for businesses and
21 families in this state.

22 Sec. 451.006. REPORT. (a) Not later than September 1,
23 2022, the 1836 Project shall prepare and produce a written report
24 that includes:

- 25 (1) a description of the activities of the project;
26 (2) the findings and recommendations of the project;
27 (3) a plan that identifies the best method of carrying

1 out the duties under Sections 451.003(a)(1), (4), and (5);
2 (4) any proposals for legislation; and
3 (5) any other matter the project considers
4 appropriate.

5 (b) Subsequent to the report required under Subsection (a),
6 the 1836 Project may prepare and produce additional reports the
7 project considers appropriate.

8 (c) The Texas Education Agency shall make a report described
9 by this section available to the public on the agency's Internet
10 website.

11 (d) To the extent existing agency resources are available
12 for this purpose, the Texas Education Agency may provide to the 1836
13 Project any agency resources necessary to prepare or produce a
14 report described by this section.

15 Sec. 451.007. ABOLITION; EXPIRATION. The 1836 Project is
16 abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2036.

17 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,
18 is amended by adding Section 521.013 to read as follows:

19 Sec. 521.013. TEXAS 1836 PROJECT PAMPHLET. (a) The
20 department shall provide the pamphlet described by Section 451.005,
21 Government Code, to persons who receive a driver's license:

22 (1) after applying under Section 521.144; or
23 (2) with an expiration provided by Section
24 521.271(a-2) or (a-3).

25 (b) The department shall make the pamphlet described by
26 Section 451.005, Government Code, available to the public on the
27 department's Internet website.

1 SECTION 3. As soon as possible after the effective date of
2 this Act, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of
3 the house of representatives shall make the appointments to the
4 1836 Project under Section 451.002, Government Code, as added by
5 this Act.

6 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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Secretary of the Senate

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

BY: *Bryan Beatty*

1 Amend H.B. No. 2497 (senate committee printing) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill as appropriate:

4 SECTION __. The Texas Education Agency and the Department of
5 Public Safety of the State of Texas are required to implement a
6 provision of this Act only if the legislature appropriates money
7 specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not
8 appropriate money specifically for that purpose, those agencies
9 may, but are not required to, implement a provision of this Act
10 using other appropriations available for that purpose.

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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 2

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Secretary of the Senate

BY: *Royce West*

1 Amend H.B. 2497 (senate committee report) by amending
2 Sec. 451.002 by deleting 451.002 (b) (page 1, lines 45-49)
3 and replacing with a new 451.002 (b):

4 (b) The 1836 Project is composed of nine members reflective of
5 the diversity of the state. The governor, lieutenant governor, and
6 speaker of the house of representatives shall each appoint three
7 members. The appointees may include persons in the private sector
8 with relevant experience or subject matter expertise.

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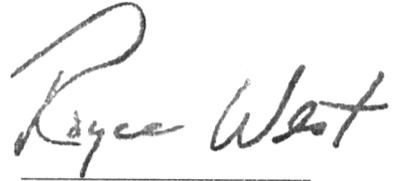
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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO.


Secretary of the Senate

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1 Amend H.B. 2497 (senate committee report) by deleting
2 Sec. 451.003 (a) (1) (A) (pg. 2, lines 1-6) and replacing with
3 new Sec. 451.003 (a) (1) (A):
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6 state, the Spanish and Mexican heritage of this state, Tejanos,
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11 liberty and for use in hunting[, and Juneteenth];
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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 27, 2021

TO: Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2497 by Parker (Relating to the establishment and duties of the Texas 1836 Project.), **As Passed 2nd House**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2497, As Passed 2nd House : a negative impact of (\$466,760) through the biennium ending August 31, 2023.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

The Texas Education Agency and the Department of Public Safety are required to implement of provision of the bill only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, those agencies may, but are not required to, implement a provision of the bill using other appropriations available for that purpose.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</i>
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All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund</i>	<i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2021</i>
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Fiscal Analysis

The bill would establish a nine-member advisory committee known as "The 1836 Project," with members appointed by the Governor, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor. The purpose of the committee would be to promote awareness of Texas state history, and advise state agencies about certain aspects of Texas

history. The committee would be required to prepare a pamphlet including certain information about Texas history to the Department of Public Safety and produce a report containing legislative recommendations.

Methodology

The bill would require the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to provide funding and administrative support for the advisory committee. According to TEA, the bill would require 1.0 FTE to support the work of the advisory committee. Salary, benefits and other costs associated with the employee would total \$91,258 in fiscal year 2022 and \$87,258 in subsequent fiscal years. TEA estimates a cost of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2023 to contract with an external vendor to produce the report that is required by the bill. The agency estimates a cost of \$65,682 per fiscal year to print and distribute the pamphlet to driver's license applicants who are new residents or whose provision or learner license expires on the applicant's 18th birthday. The agency also estimates that \$28,440 per fiscal year would be required to support the work of the advisory committee. These funds would pay for lodging, meals and incidentals, and mileage and airfare, among other costs.

According to the Department of Public Safety, the bill would have no significant fiscal impact.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 701 Texas Education Agency

LBB Staff: JMc, CMA, SL, AH, THO, SMAT

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 17, 2021

TO: Honorable Larry Taylor, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 22, 2021

TO: Honorable Chris Paddie, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2497 by Parker (relating to the establishment and duties of the Texas 1836 Project.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2497, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted : a negative impact of (\$2,326,196) through the biennium ending August 31, 2023.

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Austin, Texas**

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April 13, 2021

TO: Honorable Chris Paddie, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2497 by Parker (Relating to the establishment and duties of the Texas 1836 Project.), **As Introduced**

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